

P.O. Box 14300, Washington, DC 20044-4300 • p202 624-2500 • f202 628-8844

crowell moring**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

MAR 23 2004

**OFFICIAL**FACSIMILE COVER PAGEDate March 23, 2004To: Examiner Hong LIUFacsimile Telephone Number: 703-872-9306Total Number of Pages (Includes Cover Sheet): 17From: Terri ValedaPhone: 202-624-2533CAM Number: 037181.50325USUser ID: 5782

Message: Further to our telephone discussion this afternoon, transmitted herewith are copies of the following:  
Postcard date stamped as received by USPTO;  
Copy of the Reply to Office Action;  
Petition for Extension of Time; and  
Submission of Certified Copy of Verified Translation of Priority Document.

Hard Copy to Follow:  Yes  No

**THIS MESSAGE IS INTENDED ONLY FOR THE USE OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM, OR ENTITY TO WHICH, IT IS ADDRESSED AND MAY CONTAIN INFORMATION THAT IS PRIVILEGED, CONFIDENTIAL, AND EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER APPLICABLE LAW.**

If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient or the employee or agent responsible for delivering this message to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution, or copying of this communication is prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please notify us immediately by telephone (collect), and return the original message to us at the address listed above via the U.S. Postal Service.

Thank You

# BEST AVAILABLE COPY

PATENT *15*

Att'y Docket: 1830/50325

Today's Date: July 25, 2003

Inventor(s): MASAHIRO IMOTO ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/933,717

Filing Date: AUGUST 22, 2001

CAM #: 37181.008

The following has been received in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on the date stamped hereon:

- Reply To Office Action
- 1 Month Petition for Extension of Time
- Certified Copy and Verified Translation of Priority Document
- Check No. 251460 in the amount of \$ 110.00

DUE DATE

July 31, 2003

HIC:LEC



CROWELL & MORING, LLP  
 P.O. Box 14300  
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20044-4300  
 TEL: (202) 624-2500

**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**Attorney Docket: 1830/50825  
PATENTIN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: MASAHIRO IMOTO ET AL.  
Serial No.: 09/933,717 Group Art Unit: 1624  
Filed: AUGUST 22, 2001 Examiner: Hong Liu  
Title: HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS HAVING EFFECT OF  
ACTIVATING NICOTINIC ACETYLCHOLINE ALFA4 BETA2  
RECEPTOR

Reply to Office Action

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated March 31, 2003.

This reply is accompanied by a Petition under 37 CFR §1.136(a) for a one-month extension of time and by a check in the amount of \$110.00 in payment of the required extension fee.

Please amend the application as follows.